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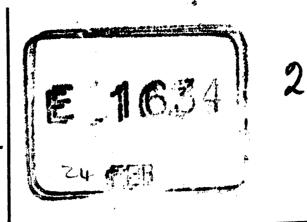
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Sir,

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British Consulate General,

ALGIERS.

14th February 1947.

I have the honour to report that the Hondurian Steamship "ULUA", an ex-corvette, entered the bay of Algiers on the morning of Saturday, 8th February, and proceeded to the other side of the bay where she anchored in a creek near La Perousse. It would appear that the Master of the ship then got in touch with Messrs. Joseph Lasry & Fils, steamship agents, with whom he had communicated by wireless, asking to be supplied with water and a certain quantity of oil fuel. Later on in the afternoon, while lying anchored in the dreek, a number of Jewish passengers were allowed on the deck and this was seen by the local inhabitants, who in due course informed a press reporter. At about four o'clock the ship was brought into Algiers harbour with hatches battened down and no passengers visible. She took on oil and water and left Algiers at ten o'clock the same evening, clearing for the port of Genoa.

- Regularly everyday, around mid-day or early in the afternoon, a member of the staff goes round the port to see what ships are in harbour and to look out for anything suspicious. This was duly done on the day in question but at that time the Ulua was still lying anchored up a creek on the other side of the bay and was therefore not noticed.
- The first notification I had that there was anything suspicious was when a brief report appeared in the local Press on Tuesday morning. I immediately made the necessary enquiries and informed Malta and Port Said of my suspicions.
- Lasry to call upon me but, in his absence, a Chief Clerk who had been left in charge presented himself. I pointed out to him that he must have known that the ship in question for which he had accepted the agency by wireless was a peculiar case and that if they ever again had dealings with an illegal Jewish immigrant ship, ax presumably the Ulua was, I should be forced to recommend that the agencies for certain British lines which they held should be withdrawn from them. Mr. Aldrey, the Chief Clerk in question, stated that they had received a wireless message from the Ulua asking them to act as the ship's agents to obtain oil fuel and water and that until he actually saw the vessel his suspicions were not aroused.
- He stated that when he went on board the vessel only the crew were visible and that therefore the Jewish immigrants must have been battened down below. He further stated that the Master appeared to have plenty of ready cash and paid his bills in United States dollars. He protested that he would never handle a similar case again, as he anticipated that Mr. Heseph Lasry, Senior, the owner of the firm would be very upset about it as he values his connection with United Kingdom Steamship Companies.
- I next paid a visit to Mr. Perillier, the Prefect of Algiers, pointing out that the arrangement which we had come to about informing me of any craft calling here and suspected of carrying illegal immigrants to Palestine had not been observed and that both Port Police and Customs authorities who allowed this ship to clear for Genoa must have been extremely unobservant or obtuse if they had not noticed

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His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, etc., etc., Foreign Office,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

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anything peculiar about the visit of this ship. The Prefect fully agreed that the Port Authorities had failed in their duty and promised to give them a good shaking up to ensure that in future any such cases should be reported to himself and to me immediately. He thought that they had got rather slack about such matters as, as far as is known, this is the first fully-loaded supposedly illegal Jewish immigrant ship which has used the port of Algiers.

- 7. I have given strict instructions to the clerk in charge of our shipping office that we must in future keep a much stricter watch during week-ends and that in addition to his daily round of the port he is to call upon the port police every Monday morning to ensure that no suspicious craft have entered the port at any time during the week-end.
- 8. I trust that these additional precautions will prove a satisfactory safe-guard against doubtful ships being able to sneak in and out of the port without my prompt knowledge of such cases. I propose to mention this matter to the Governor General when the first suitable opportunity presents itself, although I am convinced that the French authorities here take a friendly attitude in this matter, any fault lying with negligence among their subordinates.
- 9. A copy of this despatch is being sent to His Majesty's Ambassador at Paris and to the Commander in Chief, Mediterranean, at Malta.

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DEPARTMENTAL No. 1.

FROM TEGUCIGALPA TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Fowler
No: 6

D. 5. 25 p.m. 24th February, 1947. R. 2. 00 a.m. 25th February, 1947.

24th February, 1947.

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Your telegram No. 5 regarding S.S. Ulua.

I am informed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs that the Honduranean Government have no (repeat no) objection to the arrest of the above ship on the high seas and her diversion to Cyprus as she has no right to the Honduranean flag, this vessel having been sold to the Weston Trading Company New York, and her certificate of registry cancelled on November 21st last.

2. With regard to agreement in principle, the Honduranean Government considering the matter, result of which will be telegraphed in due course.

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Downing Street, S.W.1.

26th February, 1947.

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Dear Chadwick.

As you will see from the exchange of telegrams between the Foreign Office and our representative in Honduras, the agreement of that Government in the interception of the "Ulua" was sought, but unfortunately it appeared that the "Ulua"s Honduranean registry had been cancelled in November. It has therefore not proved possible to intercept this vessel and divert her to Cyprus, since both Admiralty and Foreign Office hold that we must have a cast iron case before putting a new procedure into operation.

It has therefore become a matter of prime importance that we should have as soon as possible the most authentic information about the countries of registry of suspect ships, and I should be grateful if you would ensure that your representatives abroad are so instructed, and advised to notify you immediately of any change of registry.

Perhaps we could have information about the present registration of the 14 ships contained in your letter to Fitzgerald. On the whole it would I think, be better to defer approaches to the Governments concerned until we

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have evidence that the ships are on their way to Palestine, so as to avoid giving away our intentions too soon.

I am sending copies of this letter to Beith and Dedds.

Yours sincerely,

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FROM PARIS TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Mr. Duff Cooper.

D. 12.15 p.m. 26th February 1947.

No. 175

R. 11.27 a.m. 26th February 1947.

26th February 1947.

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DEPARTMENTAL NO.1.

FROM TEGUCIGALPA TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Fowler No. 9

D. 6.00 p.m. 26th February 1947 R. 6.30 a.m. 27th February 1947

26th February 1947

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My telegram No. 6. E 1680/84/31

Minister for Foreign Affairs today informs me that he has been wrongly informed by the Ministry of War Marine and Aviation regarding the steamship "Ulua". It now transpires that this ship belongs to Caribbean Atlantic Shipping Corporation of Panama and that she flies the Honduras flag in virtue of a provisional certificate of registry extended by the Honduras Consul General New York November 21st 1946 valid for six months.

- 2. Minister for Foreign Affairs has today telegraphed the Honduras Consul General New York informing him that the ship is fraudulently carrying considerable number of Jews and instructing him to inform the owners that it is liable to be intercepted on the high seas by British authorities and that if she enters Palestinian territorial waters or if proved to be engaged in illicit traffic on the high seas certificate of registry will be automatically withdrawn.
 - 3. Reply to "agreement in principle" not yet received.

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FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

TO S. OF S. COLONIES.

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D. 28th February, 1947.

R. 28th

13.30 hrs.

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No.439 Secret.

Illegal Immigration.

There are persistent reports that ships arriving in the near future (e.g. ULUA) will carry American crews, the objective being to embroil us with the U.S. over any untoward incidents or prosecutions which may result. If these are on board when ships are apprehended and can be identified, they will be prosecuted for abetting illegal immigration. You may wish to consider whether it would be desirable to give the U.S. authorities advance notification of this intention. Copies sent to:-

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TO PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. COMMARCHAM)

FROM 3. OF S. COLONIES.

Sent 8th March, 1947. 22.30 hrs.

No. 474 Confidential.

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Your telegram No. 439 Secret.

I should be grateful for earliest information regarding action taken against crew of "ULUA." Request you will repeat your reports to H.M. Ambassador, Washington, if American nationals involved.

Copies sent to:- P.S. to Prime Minister. No. 10 Downing Street Lord President Private Secretary. Private Secretary. Admiralty First Sea Lord. Mr. G.C.B. Dodds. Private Secretary. War Office C.I.G.S. " (M.O.4.)
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FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D. 11th March, 1947.
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Addressed to S. of S. Repeated to Washington, No. 49.

Your confidential No. 474.

ULUA.

iO persons were handed over by the Navy to the police as being members of the crew of this ship. They had no papers at all. 2 of them, who claimed to be American citizens, were interviewed by the United States Vice Consul from Jerusalem, who got nothing out of them but statement that they had been born in the United States of American and now wanted to be treated in the same manner as other immigrants.

2. No (repeat no) evidence to show that these 10 were in fact crew members. A carbon paper found on board the ULUA was apparently a crew list of 33 members, 17 of whom were listed as being United States citizens. But none of the names of the 10 mentioned above corresponded with any of the names on this crew list.

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There is no (repeat no) satisfactory (?group omitted) on which to institute any prosecution. The 10 persons concerned are being sent to Athlit Camp.

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Minutes.

At the suggestion of Mr. Perowne, the Panamanian Charge d'Affaires has been in touch with me about the registration of Jewish illegal immigration vessels under Panamanian flag. He gave me the names of the following vessels which he suspected of being involved in the traffic:-

"San Miguel"

"San Dimitrio") both of which arrived in Palestine Waters with illegal immigrants and have presumably been impounded.

"San Basilio"

(The Panamanian Legation have cancelled her registry and she is stuck at Gothenburg).

"San Eusebio"

about whose whereabouts the Legation asked for information.

"San Filippo"

(Reported to be at Marseille.

Senor Morales told me that on investigation he considered that the owners concerned were the victims of bad faith on . the part of John Eliadis, formerly one of their masters. The owners are, I believe, called Rethymnos and Kyriakis.

Senor Morales asked me whether we could give him any information about the whereabouts of the "San Filippo" and the "San Eusebio". After consulting M.I.5. I told him that, according to our information, the "San Eusebio" was still at Copenhagen on February 25th, and the "San Filippo" was at Marseilles also asked him to make enquiries about the registry of the following ships:-

"San Dimilios" now at Antwerp

"San Spiridon" at Stockholm.

He had never heard of the "San Dimilios" and thought she could not have been given Panamanian registry. He would, however, enquire immediately of his colleague in He had heard of the "San Spiridon" Antwerp. but he understood that her application for registry had been refused and he was surprised to hear that she was registered as Panamanian. He promised to look into her position also.

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J.G.S. Beith 4th March, 1947. THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE,

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LEGACION DE PANAMÁ

No.CL-510

London, 4th March, 1947

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Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to confirm our telephone conversation of this morning when I informed you that, at when request of Mr. Minas Rethymnis and duly authorized by my Government, I had to-day issued resolutions cancelling the panamanian registry of the following vessels: "SAN DIMITRIOS", "SAN BASILIO", "SAN MIGUEL", "SAN FILIPO" and "SAN EUSEBIO".

The person responsible for the illegal traffic of these vessels is, as I mentioned then and which you evidently must have known for some time, a Captain John Eliadis, a Greek subject, whose address at the moment is not quite known but who has been seen recently at Antwerp, Stockholm and Marseille. John Eliadis as principal shareholder and President of the companies owning these vessels, was the real owner ans was directly responsible for the management of all the vessels.

Mr. Minas Rethymnis whom, as a result of my investigations, I have been able, I am happy to say, to clear completely from any participation in this regrettable and sordid affair, was himself only a nominee in the said companies and only accepted the appointments to satisfy certain requirements of the panamanian law. He was, as were all other people concerned, a victim of the bad faith of Captain John Eliadis. The firm of Rethymnis & Kulukundis, Ltd., Holland House, Bury Street, E.C.3 had incidentally no part in the matter and only acted on certain occasions as depositaries of funds belonging to Mr. Eliadis.

As I mentioned to you, I have been able to prevent the SAN BASILIO from sailing from Gotenburg, Sweden. Thanks to the information which you have given me as to the whereabouts of the SAN EUSEBIO and the SAN FILIPO, I believe that I will be able to prevent their sailing from Copenhaguen and Marseille; I have already given instructions to that effect. I regret that we were too late in respect of the SAN DIMITRIOS and the SAN MIGUEL and I duly note that they have been confiscated.

J.G.S.Beith, Esq., Eastern Department, The Foreign Office, S.W.1 OFFICE,

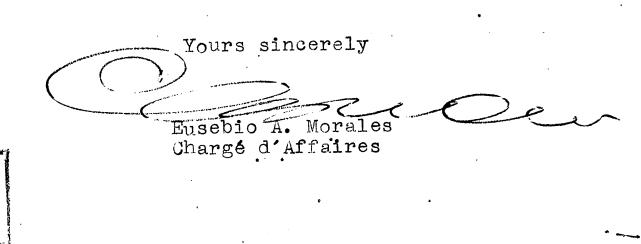
What you say as regards the SAN SPYRIDON has taken me somewhat by surprise. It is true that an application for panamanian registry was received several months ago at the Consulate General in London but the proceedings were suspended because of defects of certain vital documents; the whole matter has now of course been cancelled and the vessel is, as far as I know, without panamanian registry. What you say is disturbing and I am taking steps to ascertain the position here.

I do not believe that the SAN DIMILIOS is under the panamanian flag and it shall certainly not be, if I can help it. I have warned our Consul at Antwerp and I shall not fail to let you know the various reports which I receive.

I do not wish to close my letter without expressing to you and the Foreign Office, on behalf of the Government of Panama and my own, my gratitude for your excellent co-operation in this deplorable matter. The Panama flag is much too good a flag and offer much too many advantages to shipowners, to permit the mere mention of the word specualation. I shall most certainly make a "guerre a outrance" to any shipowner or Master who abuses of the advantages and protection of our flag.

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Panamanian Charge d'Affaires (From Mr. Beith)

Copies to

Colonial Office, Mr. Higham. Admiralty, Mr. Dodds. M.I.5Major Chadwick, with copy of letter under reply.

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PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

My dear Chargé d'Afraires,

Thank you for your letter of March 4th, in which you were good enough to confirms to me that you hadeon that day cancelled the Panamian registry to faive vessels involved in the Jewish illegal immigrants traffic.

This department greatly appreciates your helpful cooperation in the matter and, in view of your expressed intention to prevent the Panamanian flag from being misused by the organisers of this illegal traffic, I venture to draw your attention to a further five vessels, details of which are as follows:-

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Snap dinagon	Haarlem	1,000
Shoreham	Cardiff	1,000
Lowestoft	Cardiff	1,000
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All these vessels are reported to be under Pamanian registry and we have good reason for believing that they are likely to be employed in the illegal Jewish immigrant traffic. It would be greatly appreciated if you would look Core of these recess into the matter and, if our information is confirmed, take the necessary steps with regard to removing their Penamenian registry.

Yours sinceraly

(Sgd) John Beith. (T. G. S. Beich)

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My dear Chargé d'Affaires,

Thank you for your letter of 4th March, in which you were good enough to confirm to me that you had on that day cancelled the Panamanian registry of five vessels involved in the Jewish illegal immigrant traffic.

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Senor Don Eusebio A. Morales, Panamanian Legation, 123, Warnford Court, Throgmorton Street, E.C.2.

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Yours sincerely

(5ad) John Beith.

(J.G.S. Beith)

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Mr Beeley to see 5 mar 27
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FROM PALESTINE (General Sir A. Cunningham)

TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D. 5th March, 1947.
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No.489 Top Secret.

Addressed S. of S. Repeated Paris (S. of S. please pass as my No. 281). Cyprus No. 25 and C.-in-C. (Governor of Malta please pass as my No. 282).

Illegal immigrant ship named ABRIL (vide correspondence ending with your telegram No. 77) is now expected here within the next day or two. As you are aware, this ship is sponsored by the Bergson group and her passengers, of whom 600 are reported to have been embarked at Marseilles on 1st March, may therefore be presumed to be militant revisionists and to represent potential reinforcements for Trgun Zvai Leumi.

- It is clearly out of the question to admit a shipload of this kind to Palestine, whilst it would be almost equally uncedirable to send them to Cyprus, where they would infect the other detained immigrants with their extremism. The Jawish Agency have been asked for their views as to disposal of these people and have reserved their reply. Undoubtedly they (and the bulk of local Jewish opinion) would at heart welcome their diversion from Palestine to Cyprus, but it is unlikely that they will have the frankness to say so officially or that they will be helpful on practical aspects.
- Clearly the most drastic action is required to meet the situation presented by this new development in illegal In the circumstances, if it is confirmed on their arrival that the ABRIL passengers are revisionists and that they were embarked at a French port, the only alternative would appear to be to ship them back whence they came. the state of the s

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think you would wish to know in advance that I am considering this course of action and I suggest that the French Government should be informed now of this possibility.

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TO PALESTINE (General Sir A. Cunningham)

FROM S. OF S., COLONIES.

Sent 7th March, 1947. 23.00 hrs.

IMMEDIATE No.468 Top Secret.

Addressed High Commissioner Palestine. Repeated Governor Cyprus No. 103. C.-in-C. Mediterranean.

H.M. Ambassador Paris.

Your telegram No. 489, repeated to Cyprus No. 25, Paris No. 281 and C.-in-C. Mediterranean No. 282.

As you are aware the question of turning back illegal immigrant ships to their ports of origin was considered as a result of your telegram No.1212 of the 25th July, 1946 (not to all addresses). The suggestion was not considered feasible, not only from the practical naval point of view but also because of the legal objections to diverting foreign ships and because there was no obligation on the countries of origin to accept the return of Jews who were not their nationals.

Even if it were not impracticable with our existing resources to transport these people to France in British ships, the two other and principal difficulties would still remain, and are in my opinion, and that of the Foreign Office, insurmountable.

Although revisionist organisers of ABRIL would undoubtedly attempt to transport as many of their sympathisers as possible, they will have to draw on the normal pool of immigrants, and there is no evidence that passengers are in fact of any different calibre or political convictions from the general run. If the security authorities are able to

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identify potentially dangerous passengers, you will, I presume, consider their removal and detention in Palestine and their exclusion from the system of releases under the quota.

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FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

TO S. OF S. COLONIES.

D. 8th March, 1947. R. 8th " 20,50 hrs.

IMMEDIATE No. 509 Top Secret. INDEXED

Addressed to S. of S. Ilease pass as Repeated to Paris (S. of S. Ilease pass as my telegram No. 296.)

" " Cyprus No. 27.
" C. in C. Med. No. 297.

Your telegram No. 468.

Revisionist ship ABRIG. I fully appreciate the objections to intercepting or consenting to diverting this ship and did not suggest it. My intention was that ABRIG passengers on arrival should be placed on board a British ship (if this could be made available) and taken to Marseilles whence they came.

- 2. I hope that H.M.G. would be prepared to request French Government to accept their return (as contribution to one of the purposes of the Anglo-French treaty of alliance if for no other reason). If the French Covernment declined, we should be no worse off than we are at present.
- J. Although I can quote no definite evidence that they passengers are Irgun, there is good reason to suppose that they are.
- 4. Since this ship was sighted 50 miles off Haifa this morning, it is now too late to pursue my proposal in this case and we must repeat the usual procedure. But I wish to press and we must repeat the usual procedure. But I wish to press my suggestion for future adoption since (as I am telegraphing separately) difficulties with which we are faced appear no less insurmountable than objections to it. (Copies

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TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D. 9th March, 1947. n 15.15 hrs. R. 9th

No. 511

Addressed to S. of S. Repeated to Cyprus, No. 28.

Illegal Immigrant ship ABRIL.

ABRIL was intercepted on 8th March and hearded at 2030 hours off Jeffa and brought into Haifa without opposition.

- Transhipment to the EMPIRE REST and the EMPIRE SHELTER was accomplished without incident and 599 illegal imnigrante aboard her are now on their way to Cyprus. Two immigrants have landed for hospital treatment.
- 20 persons, believed to constitute the crew and thought to be Americans, have been detained. There are also two newspaper correspondents on board. They too have been detained,

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TO PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

FROM S. OF S., COLONIES.

Sent 19th March, 1947.

17.30 hrs.

IMPORTANT No.543 Secret.

Addressed High Commissioner, Palestins. Repeated Ambassador, Washington.

Your telegram No.511 - Illegal immigrant ship ABRIL.

should be grateful for earliest information regarding proceedings against American craw of ABRIL. When are these expected to take place.

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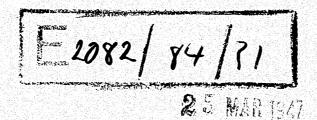
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Addressed to S. of S. Repeated to Washington, No. 59.

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I have had no alternative but to decide that the American crew of ABRIL should not (repeat not) be prosecuted. They will be deported. I am considering confiscation of vessel.

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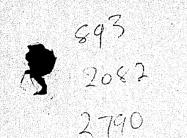
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Reason for my decision is that it cannot be shown that the ship was boarded within territorial waters.

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TO S. OF S., COLOMES.

D. 29th March, 1947. R. 29th

20.10 hrs.

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Your telegram Wo. 77.

Illegal Aumigrant ship ABRIL.

I shall be glad to know whether Honduras registration of this vessel was, in fact, withdraws.

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STOCKHOLM, Feb. 21—(UP)
—The sale last year of five ships—each 60 years old—by Swedish shipping company SVEA to an unnamed Panama shipping company on behalf of a Jewish Refugee Organization in Europe came to light today when the Swedish Sailors Association blacklisted one of the vessels because of tts half-rotten condition.

The vessels, all 2,000 tons, were the San Basilio, San Miguel, San Spiridon, San Filipo and San Dimitro.

Expressen, a Stockholm afternoon paper, said three of the ships were in Swedish harbors for repair after secret trips in the Mediterranean.

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The ship which Swedish sailors banned was San Basilio, which was reported trying to sign a crew in Gothenburg.

Sailors from the San Dimitro interviewed by Expressen said all five ships flew Panama colors and used Swedish crews only as far as Marseilles.

After returning to Stockholm they recognized pictures of ships in Haifa harbor, they said.

The ships were apparently transporting refugees from Scandinavia and various Mediterranean ports, Expressen said.

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My dear Dodds,

Immediate.

As you are aware there are several vessels suspected of being potential carriers of illegel immigrants to Palestine which are now in British or There are at Cardir? the "Shoreham" Colonial ports. and "Lowestoft", both of Panamanian registry, while there is, I believe, a possible Panamanian suspect in Gibralter. The Foreign Office are having considerable success in their efforts to persuade the Panamanian Charge d'Affaires to cancel the registry of suspect It is not clear, however, whether mere cancellation of registry will in itself prevent the departure of a ship or lead to the port athorities refusing clearance; I understand that this would depend on the laws of the country in whose port the ship is lying.

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could advise me what the position is in this country and whether action could be taken to prevent the two ships in Cardiff sailing (a) if the Panamanian registry is cancelled (b) if it is not.

It is also possible that the ships may be fitted with inadequate life-saving equipment, judging

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by the standards of the ships that arrive in Palestine. Perhaps a look-but could be kept to see that every obstruction is placed in the way of these vessels and that every form of administrative delay is employed.

It might be useful if Beith could enquire what are the regulations about giving and withholding clearance in French and other foreign ports. I am looking into the Cibraltar situation.

Copies of this letter are being sent to Beith, Keenlyside, Chadwick and Piper (Gustams).

Yours sincerely,

J. D. Higham.

P.S. I should be grateful for a very urgent reply as my Secretary of State is most anxious to have an estimate of the numbers of immigrants likely to reach Palestine in the next few months and much depends on the answers to this letter.

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With the compliments

of Mr. G.C.B. Dodds.

J.G.S. Beith, Esq., Foreign Office.

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14th March, 1947.

My dear John.

Thank you for your letter 76021/46A/47 of the 12th March about the SHOREHAM and LOWESTOFT.

- I need hardly tell you that these two ships have been exercising our minds very considerably as we are responsible for their having fallen into undesirable hands.
- You will be glad to hear that both ships are in need of repair and that instructions have been given for repair licences to be refused. The LOWESTOFT could not in her present condition even be towed away. The SHORKHAM could be towed away but could not move under her own power. We shall keep our eyes open for an opportunity of preventing her departure by means of technical and administrative obstruction.
- I am sending copies of this letter to the recipients of yours. I expect that Dalmahoy who has relieved Keenlyside will be able to answer the other points in your letter.

Yours ever.

G.C.B. DODDS

J.D. Highen, Esq., Colonial Office. Downing Street, 3. W. 1.

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Potential Carriers of illegal immigrants to Palestine

I refer to y ar letter dated 12th March, 1947 Ref 76021/46A addressed to Dodds, Admiralty, a copy of which was sent to Keenlyside who has now left the Ministry.

We have sought the opinion of the Treasury colicitor on the points raised in your letter and he has advised as follows:-

"Arrest of a ship can only be effected by the issue of a writ, preliminary to Court proceedings. There are, however, in certain cases a right under the M.S. Acts to detain a foreign ship.

I would point out that an officer of Customs is under a statutory duty to refuse clearance or transit to any ship until the Master f the ship has declared to that officer the name of the nation to which he claims that ship belongs. If a ship attempts to proceed to sea without such clearance she may be detained.

All that is required of the Master is a declaration so that the more fact that her registration has been cancelled. although it might cause a slight delay, could easily be got over by the Master making a declaration to the Custams officer.

J. D. Higham, Eaq., Colonial Office. Downing Street, S.W.l. /If

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OFFICE,

If the papers were otherwise in order the ship would be entitled to clearance. A foreign ship can under Secti n 462 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894 be detained if "unsafe by reason of defective condition of her hull equipments, or machinery, or by reason of overloading or unproper loading or by reason of undermanning". This is somewhat limited as you will see. If the ship is going to sail in ballast and holds a convention certificate of safety issued by the Panamanian Covernment I can foresee difficulty in detaining her on life saving applicances unless the supp y of such is clearly below that specified in the certificate etc, al that could be done would be to get her surveyed with a view to stating, in the case of a passenger ship, how many passengers she is fit to carry (Dection 17 (1) (G) of M.S. (Safety and Load Line Conventions) Act, 1932). I have no doubt one can be obstructive and put difficulties in the way of the ship sailing, but must be chary of detaining a ship unless we are entitled so to do".

A copy of this letter has been sent to the recipients of your letter.

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We should be grateful if you would let us have a brief report on the position, with particular reference to our present problem. We do not of course require copies of the relevant French regulations but merely a brief statement of rench practice in this matter.

Yours ever,

Eastern Department.

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Jerusalem telegram No. 519. to Colonial Office.

Illegal immigrants into Palestine.

New York Times reported on March 7th the presence for repairs in Norfolk Virginia of "President Warfield". She had been Chesapeake Bay Liner and later a naval auxiliary in the war. Her tonnage is not mentioned but her present crew numbers 40, of whom four fifths are said to be Jews. Master is William S. Schlegel. She carries only 35 tons of mess kits and like jackets. Some of the crew admit that her destination was Palestine and indicated that she was to follow "Abril" (see my telegram No 7,378 of 1946).

- 2. According to report she was offered for sale by United States Marine Commission a year ago and bought by Potomac Shipwrecking Company of Washington in November 1946, by whom she was sold to an unnamed New Yorker. Alleged owners, West Trading Company of New York, and agents, Alcoa Steamship Company of New York, are both reported to have denied knowledge of her but an anonymous Jewish source in New York is alleged to have stated that she is owned by Haganh. It also appears from report that she has passed to Panamaian flag.
- 3. I have already written to [grp omitted] Ambassador requesting that Panamaian Government should withdraw Panamaian registry from the ship if the facts are confirmed, and have asked Consul at Norfolk and Consul General at New York to investigate. Attention of the State Department has also been drawn to report, which they had not seen. They promised to make enquiries but on legal aspect referred to reply about Abril contained in my telegram No.7,378 of last year.
- 3. [sic] We have at present no knowledge of any further ships.



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TO S. OF S. COLONIES.

D. 10th March, 1947.
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Addressed to S. of S. Repeated to the Ambassador Washington, No.46.

. Illegal Immigration.

Reuters report on 8th March refers to "Secret sailing for Palestine from the U.S. of a small fleet (of illegal immigrants ships) including a former U.S. Navy vessel and a yacht bought as Government surplus". Vessels are said to have been purchased by Hagana. Particular case of PRESIDENT MARFIELD is referred to.

2. I shall be grateful for any information on this subject.

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Sent 12th March, 1947, 16,30 hrs.

Secret No. 495

Addressed to High Commissioner for Palestine. Repeated " H. M. Ambassador Washington.

No. 46.

Illegal immigration.

Nothing known here beyond press reports which also state "President Verfield" put back with engine trouble.

Request H. M. Ambassador Washington will report all . known facts.

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WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

6th March 1947

Ref: 4421/3/47

Dear Department,

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Would you please refer to correspondence beginning with our letter 2587/1/46 of 12th October last and ending with our telegram to the Foreign Office No. 6261 of 26th October regarding certain ships sold on behalf of the Canadian Government, some of which had been used on resale for the transport of illegal Jewish immigrants.

These ships had eventually obtained Panamanian registry and one of them, the "OWEN SOUND", which was subsequently renamed the "CADIO", was thought likely to be used for this purpose, since the two others, the "NORSYD" and the "BEAUHARNOIS" had been intercepted while carrying illegal Jewish immigrants, and the "CADIO" herself was known to have been in Naples on 29th July last.

We now enclose copies of a letter which we have received from the Panamanian Ambassador in Washington, together with a translation of the enclosure, and of our reply. The enclosure to the Panamanian Ambassador's letter deals with the "CADIO" and suggests that that particular ship may in fact have been used for the dispatch of contraband arms to Greece. We should be interested to know if you have any further information about her possible connection with illegal immigration into Palestine, which we could pass on privately to the Panamanian Government in order - if necessary to urge withdrawal of the Panamanian registry from the vessel.

We are sending copies of this letter to Panama, Rome, Athens and Jerusalem.

Yours ever,

Eastern Department. Foreign Office, London, S.W.1.

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PANAMANIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 23, 1947

Excellency:

His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Panama has asked me to send to Your Excellency a copy of the letter addressed to our Consul General in New York, by the Director of the Consular Section, Ministry of the Treasury, with regard to several complaints made by the Charge d'Affairs of Panama in Rome, Italy, against the S.S. "CADIO", of the Cadio Compania de Navegacion, S.A.

I am complying now with the request of our Chancery, for the kind attention of Your Excellency.

I avail myself of this opportunity to reiterate to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration,

J.J. VALLARINO

The Right Honorable the Lord Inverchapel Ambassador of Great Britain Washington, D.C.

British Embassy, Washington 70

6th March 1947

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's letter of the 23rd January in which you were good enough to enclose a copy of a letter addressed to the Panamanian Consul-General in New York by the Director of the Consular Section of the Ministry of the Treasury regarding several complaints made by the Charge d'Affaires of Panama in Rome against the S.S. "CADIO" of the Cadio Compania de Navegacion, S.A.

I am most grateful to Your Excellency for sending me this information, which will be communicated to my Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient,

humble Servant,

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His Excellency
Senor Dr. Don J.J. Vallarino,
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American Consul General here, as charged with protection of Panamanian interests, has made representations regarding alleged complaint by British Mabassy Washington (presumably to Panamanion Minister) that vassel CADIO flying Panamanion flag flying between Piracus and (corrupt froup ? Haifa") engaged in traffic in illegal Jewish immigration.

- I have no information supporting the view that CADIO is engaged in this traffic.
- Grateful for information as to action taken by H.M.'s Embassy Washington; with Indication of the grounds for complaint if made. Also for guidance as to terms of reply to be sent to the American Consul General.

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MDEXED 13th April, 1947. 13th 21,45 hrs.

No. 777 Secret.

Addressed to S. of S. (please pass to Athens as my No. 527). Repeated to Washington No. 77.

My secret telegram No. 760,

Complaints against vessel CADICo

Later information available here indicates that CADIO is engaged on considerable passenger nums between Naples, Marseilles, Pizacus, Baifa, Alexandria. She has called at Haifa 13 times during the past 9 months, with bone fide passengers only. 120

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CADIO was formally (formerly intended) a Canadian Covernment corvette named OWEN SOUND. The is 1,039 tons gross and is owned by Cadio Compagna di Mavigacion: port of registry Panama,

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HAVANA,

15th February 1947.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency on telegraphic instructions which I have received from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs that two Jewish illegal vessels, the "ULUA" and the "MERICA NAPOLI", recently embarked approximately 600 Jews each at Trelleborg (Sweden) and Sete (South France) respectively. Both parties held Cuban visas. It is also reported that another vessel, the "SAN MIGUEL", is collecting 700 Jews with Cuban visas at Sete. The "ULUA" and the "MERICA NAPOLI" have already arrived in Palestine waters and the other ship is likely to follow shortly.

Visas for Cuba are being used to facilitate Jewish illegal immigration traffic (with consequent embarrassment to His Majesty's Government), and to express the urgent hope that Your Excellency's Government will investigate the circumstances in which the visas have been granted. If as seems likely the visas are forged Your Excellency's Government will no doubt take steps to put a stop to this practice as it is quite evident that the holders of these visas never intended to travel to Cuba.

I awail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

His Excellency,
Señor Rafael P. Gonzalez Muñoz,
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D. 28th February, 1947.
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No.439 Secret.

Illegal Immigration.

There are persistent reports that ships arriving in the near future (e.g. ULUA) will carry American crews, the objective being to embroil us with the U.S. over any untoward incidents or prosecutions which may result. If these are on board when ships are apprehended and can be identified, they will be prosecuted for abetting illegal immigration. You may wish to consider whether it would be desirable to give the U.S. authorities advance notification of this intention.

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14 March, 1947

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177 dear Home,

Thank you for your letter E.1587/84/31 of the 6th March asking that the master and crew of the "Ulua" should be prosecuted in the Palestine Courts.

You will probably now have seen Palestine telegram No. 439, of which I enclose a copy for ease of reference, from which you will see that this is in fact the High Commissioner's intention if the crew can be identified; while according to Press reports the American crew of the "Abril" are to appear before a district court in the next few days. I gather that when Higham and Beith discussed this telegram the Foreign Office view was that it was unnecessary to give the United States authorities advance notification of the intention to take action against any American members of the crew, since United States nationals must expect to pay the normal penalties for any infringements of the laws of Palestine.

I can assure you that it is with very great regret that the Palestine Government have had to abandon proceedings against the crews of earlier arrivals. Since Palestine cannot legislate with extra-territorial effect, prosecutions can be successfully pursued only if it can be proved to the Court that the offence of abetting illegal immigration has been committed inside territorial waters. board illegal immigrant ships are well aware of this and take due precautions to ensure that no evidence can be found against the crews. In some cases the crews have been battened down under hatches to give the appearance of their having been overpowered by the passengers. as if the "Abril" crew have either not been very clever, or else are deliberately seeking martyrdom, in order that the American League may use their arrest to try to raise a storm in the United States over detention by the British

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of United States nationals engaged in the humanitarian task of taking Jewish refugees "home".

A further difficulty is that in many cases recently the crews have been taken off by smaller vessels before the ships started on the last stage of their voyage to Palestine. In other cases the crews have been Jews who have mingled with the main body of immigrants.

We will certainly keep you informed of any developments in regard to the crew of the "Ulua" and that of the 'Abril", and we shall ask the High Commissioner to repeat any telegrams or despatches on this subject to Washington.

You may have heard from Garran that the question of action on other lines has not been neglected.

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HIS Majesty's Ambassador at Washington presents his impliments to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and has the honour to transmit to him the undermentioned documents.

British Embassy

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New York Times report on "PRESIDENT WAR FIELD".

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10th March 1947

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Your Excellency,

I have the honour to invite Your Excellency's attention to the enclosed cutting from Page 45 of the New York Times of March 7th regarding the 5.5.

"PRESIDENT WARFIELD", which is now at Norfolk,
Virginia, undergoing repairs. It is indicated in paragraph 6 of the New York Times report that this ship has been transferred to the Panamanian flag and the story indicates that she may be destined for the transport of illegal Jewish immigrants to Palestine.

In your letter of February 13th Your Excellency was good enough to inform me with regard to the vessel "ABRIL" (then thought to be named "ARTEUS"), which is also mentioned in this report, that instructions had been sent to the Panamanian Consul-General in New York

His Excellency
Senor Dr. Don J.J. Vallerino,
Ambassador E.& P., of Panama,
Washington, D.C.

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to refuse Panamanian registry to her, so as to prevent vessels flying the Panamanian flag from being used for illegal activities. In view of this expression of the Panamanian Government's policy in regard to such ships, I should be most grateful, should the New York Times story prove to be substantially accurate, if Your Excellency would request the Panamanian Government to withdraw Panamanian registry from the "PRESIDENT WARFIELD". I shall be happy to provide any further information which may come to my attention about the ship, and I have no doubt that Your Excellency will also be anxious to avoid any incident which might arise should improper use be made of her.

> I have the honour to be, Sir, Your Excellency's most obedient, humble Servant,

> > JOHN BALFOUR (Signed)

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PALESTINE-BOUND MYSTERY SHIP, BATTERED BY SEA, IS BACK IN PORT

Trim Little Craft, Reported Fitted Out in Secret to Run Immigrants Through British Blockade, Awaits Repairs

By George Horne

A dark aura of mystery surrounded the trim little Chesapeake Bay liner President Warfield as she lay in the waters of Hampton Roads yesterday awaiting a survey for damage repairs. En route across the Atlantic to a destination and a service of which her crew spoke vaguely, the small passenger craft last week entered the severe Atlantic storm area and was towed into Norfolk with sea-water entering through sprung seams.

Carrying a cargo of only thirty-five tons - most of it made up of such items as life jackets and mess-kits - and manned by a crew of forty, she first took on the role of mystery ship on Feb. 25 when she sailed from Baltimore. Ostensibly bound for China, she admittedly carried no sea charts for Chinese waters.

Her crew was 80 per cent Jewish. The first mate was Jewish, and some of the seamen admitted that they were going to Palestine. Several were born there, they said. They indicated that the President Warfield would sail in the wake of the little yacht Abril and other craft bought here in the surplus ship market and secretly fitted out to run unticketed immigrants through the British blockade to Palestine.

Capt. William S. Schlegel, master of the Warfield, said in Baltimore that he knew nothing of the ship's ultimate destiny and that his job was merely to take her to Palestine. He will leave the vessel there, he said.

An attempt to trace the various steps by which she passed from the role of valiant Navy auxiliary to that of a bare-decked craft carrying thirty-five tons of mess-kits and life jackets to "China" only heightened the mystery.

Her passing from the American flag to that of Panama was bemoaned by members of the Steamship Historical Society, a group of ship lovers who sing praises of the convoy of eight little ships that fought their way into the Atlantic on a stormy winter night in 1942.

There was the Warfield; two of the once-popular Boston boats, the Boston and New York, and another Chesapeake Bay liner, the Yorktown. There were the Northland and Southland, the Nashua and New Bedford. They were on loan to the British then, and the British called them "skimming dishes". Only five of them got to the British Isles, and one was the Warfield.

Frank O. Braynard, editor of the historical organization's paper, "Steamboat Bill of Facts," riffling through his records on famous boats, told how the small ships were heavily boarded up and bulwarked and how later the Germans claimed they had sunk three vessels of the Queen Mary class.

Back in the United States reserve fleet, the Warfield was broken out and offered for sale by the Maritime Commission a year ago. On Nov.11 1946 she was sold on an unrestricted basis to the Potomac Shipwrecking Company, Washington. She brought \$8,028, and two days later, according to unconfirmed report, the company was offered \$40,000 for her. The Potomac concern refused to give the name of the purchaser, saying only that it was "a man in New York".

In Norfolk, where the battered craft awaited repairs yesterday, crew men said that the Alcoa Steamship Company was her agent, and referred inquiries there. They also said the owner was the Weston Trading Company of 24 Stone St. New York.

At the headquarters of Alcoa at 17 Battery Place, a spokesman for the line said it never heard of the President Warfield, and that it certainly had nothing to do with her. No Weston Trading Company is listed in the telephone book.

In the old-fashioned office building on Stone Street, however, on the fifth floor, in a cubicle room crowded by a desk, several chairs and five men almost elbow to elbow, was the office. The door had the legend "Marine Surveyor" and, below it, "Weston Trading Company".

At the desk one man was counting money in a steel security box. Another was whispering at the coin-box telephone on the wall as messages came in.

A third told a reporter yes the company bought the President Warfield but any inquiries would have to go to Capt. E. Weiss at Alcoa's Norfolk office. That completed the circle.

An authoritative Palestine source in New York, requesting anonymity, provided another clue. "She is owned by Haganah, the Palestine underground organization," he said. He provided an unlisted telephone number and a name.

The man answering there said "Warfield? Warfield? How do you spell it?"

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Lord Inverchapel

D. 12.37 p.m. 22nd March, 1947.

No. 1755

22nd March, 1947.

R. 7.20 p.m. 22nd March, 1947.

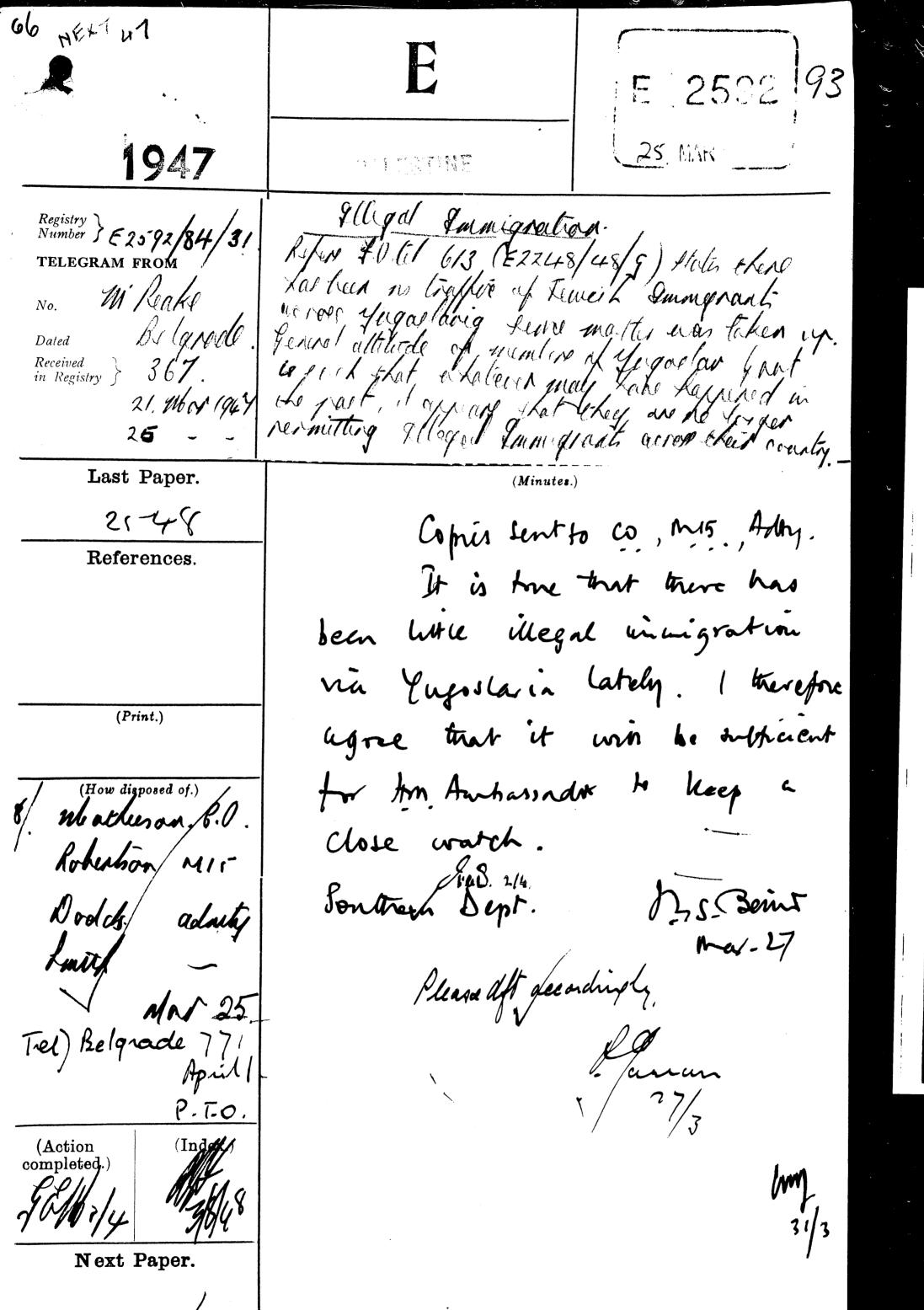
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My telegram No. 1744. Illegal immigrants into Palestine.

Information just received from Norfolk indicates that repairs to "President Warfield" have in fact been completed and that the ship left on March 20th for Philadelphia where she will take coal and then MAR proceed to Marseilles. Consul General Philadelphia is being asked to ascertain her date of departure from there if possible.

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FROM HELGRADE TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Mr. Peake. No. 367

D. 10.45 a.m. 23rd March, 1947.

R. 1.30 p.m. 23rd March, 1947.

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Your telegram No. 613.

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Illegal immigration of Jews.

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2. I shall watch the situation closely but unless you have information indicating that this traffic has restarted, I would prefer not to urge the Yugoslav Government to do something which, as far as I am aware, they are already doing.

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 2.

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO BELGRADE.

No. 771

1st April 1947.

D. 2.16 p.m. 1st April 1947.

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Your telegram No. 367 [of March 21st: Jewish illegal immigration], paragraph 2.

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FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Lord Inverchapel.

No.1793

D. 7.52 p.m. 24th March, 1947

24th March, 1947.

R. 2.20 a.m. 25th March, 1947

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My telegram No. 1755. 25-48/84/31

Illegal immigration into Palestine.

Consul General at Philadelphia discovered that "President Warfield" was in Philadelphia on the morning of March 22nd and was to take oil (not coal). At our request Honduranean Ambassador instructed his Acting Consul General New York to go to Philadelphia and take away ship's Honduranean registry. On arrival in Philadelphia he reported that the ship had already left. We thereupon enquired of [gp. undec. ?His Majesty's Consul General] if this were, true and on learning from him that she had merely changed her berth and was still there, we again approached Honduranean Ambassador.

Honduranean Ambassador has now informed us that he has telegraphed to Chief of the Customs at Philadelphia, apparently to inform him that ship's Honduranean registry has been withdrawn and has instructed Acting Honduranean Consul General New York to proceed again to Philadelphia to take away the ship's papers. I will telegraph again as soon as result of this action is known.

